

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's recent announcement that it would curtail federal highway payments to the states could cause MoDOT to delay or cancel road and bridge projects. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters has called on Congress to provide \$8 billion to the Federal Highway Trust Fund. If that doesn't happen, it could mean Missouri would lose \$252 million. That translates to more than eighty seven hundred industry jobs lost. Rising fuel costs have sped the depletion of the fund, which is primarily funded by federal fuel taxes.

Through Sept. 26, you can weigh in on what you think about truck-only lanes on Interstate 70. MoDOT is conducting an online public meeting on this topic that can be accessed at improvei70.org. The online meeting lets you ask questions, make comments and see what other people have to say.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to visit modot.org every Tuesday for new information.